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Petition For Reconsideration

To: Federal Communications Commission

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Re: DA 12-250, released February 24, 2012

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

On January 11, 2011 we filed an appeal with the Federal Communication Commission regarding a decision that was made by USAC to collect \$37,152.55, money that was awarded to Tonasket School District in 2006. We were awarded these funds to help pay for voicemail for the specified funding year, and these funds were awarded to us in the Internet Access category. We had previously applied for these funds in the Internal Connections category, but in the 2006 funding year, voicemail was also listed in the Internet Access category. After receiving a verbal recommendation from a representative of USAC, we applied for funding in the Internet Access category.

We would like to make the following point for consideration and review by the FCC. We would not have purchased this service if it had not been funded by E-Rate. We are a small school district in rural Washington State and we relied on the help and guidance of the representatives of USAC, our State E-Rate coordinator and we did our due diligence in seeking funding for voicemail in the recommended category. We were approved funding, but now we are being asked to repay these funds five years later, due to a decisional error made when advising and approving our funding request.

We request that you please reverse the decision to collect the funds from the Tonasket School District and the associated vendors. Attached is the complex paper trail which shows that the confusion regarding this issue that has persisted for a number of years, with PIA reviewers flipping back and forth on what category to use. Fairness would suggest that a small, rural school district should not bear the burden of a rule that even those administering the program did not seem to clearly understand.

Please see the attached timeline chronicling the progression of this issue, and please contact us via phone or email for additional information before making your decision. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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